

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from July 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,372

Current number of adults: 56,610

Current number of children: 138,633

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,174

Closures in July:

total closures: 4105

closures for 18 month time limits: 164

closures for sanctions: 783

work-related sanctions: 758

other sanctions: 25

closures for employment: 1052

Time limit closures since Families First started: 9,576

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,986

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$655.28

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.30

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.